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A long time ago...
There was a disaster that would cause nightmares and kill people.
Drylets and wizards lived in the land, unable to find a cure.
All of a sudden, mysterious magicians appeared. These magicians ate the nightmares of those who suffered from them.
They said that those who had their dreams eaten were able to sleep peacefully.
This is the story of "Baku".

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ASUKA CROSS

A5判
学天の風 ① 神堂あらし
美醜無 ① 風神くりチ
アニメ誕生 近衛模様生 全4巻 真神はるか
ストレンジ・プラス (1-7) 美川べるの
最遊記RELOAD (1-9) 峰倉かずや
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双伴侶 ① 瀬野 三キ

B6判
07-GHOST (1-4)
コーセルテルの竜術士物語 (1-15) 石動あゆま
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DAWN～ふたりぼ (1-5) 上田 信舟
破天荒遊戯 (1-3) 遠藤 海成
Wish Side B (1-5)
Londreoil (1-10) おひさちか
風雲記 (1-11) 秋山 勉
パンパイアドール・ギルナザン 全2巻 瀧 えりか
ロスト～楽園の果てに～ 全3巻 はるき悠
しましま 全1巻 群 青
LOVELESS (1-17) 高河 ゆん
Gemenschaft 全5巻 佐伯かほる
伯爵家御用達 高
アニメ改革 鈴木 和朗
魔界戦記ディスガイア 全1巻 神堂あらし
MACAMACs 全2巻 鈴木 次郎
あまつつき (1-3) 高山しのぶ
MR.MORNING ① 高山しのぶ
銭空間 (1-3) なるしおゆり
共理ほよ／私立鳳高校図書委員会 ① D・キッサン
DOLLS (1-4) naked ape
とわけ (1-2) 紅西 薫
海環 (1-2) 高
僕～BAKU～ (1-2) ひっけ
破威降臨バハ・ジルーン 全2巻 [illegible]
東海道HSAME (1-2) 松永 空也
乱馬×マジスター学院 (1-2) 高遠 スは
BJS GAME (1-2) 峰倉かずや
拝み屋横丁顧末記 (1-3) 宮本 福助
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Azrael's EDGE 全1巻 遊行寺たま
ファンタスマゴリーフォーラン 全1巻 ゆうたまさや
夢語行全集 全2巻 夢語 行
アプアピ ① よりやすひこ
叙情体質 ① よりやすひこ
クラプラクム 全3巻 瀬野 三キ
不機嫌な女探偵Mission2 (1-2) 渡辺

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HIKKE

"BAKU" IS A CLAN OF DREAM EATERS THAT FEED OFF OF PEOPLE'S NIGHTMARES. A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN A DISEASE THAT CAUSED NIGHTMARES AND KILLED PEOPLE SPREAD WIDELY, THE "BAKU", WHO APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE, ATE THE NIGHTMARES OF THOSE WHO WERE AFFECTED. THEY ATE MORE AND MORE. THEN— THOSE WHO HAD THEIR NIGHTMARES EATEN WERE RELIEVED, AND THEY COULD SLEEP AGAIN.
IT IS SAID THAT UNTIL NOW, THE "BAKU" ARE LIVING SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY, AND HELP THOSE WHO ARE TROUBLED BY THEIR NIGHTMARES

YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT.
SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE,
DO YOU WANT TO BE MY SERVANT?
#1 BAKU

A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A DISEASE THAT WOULD CAUSE NIGHTMARES AND KILL PEOPLE.
MANY PEOPLE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR NIGHTMARES AND COULDN'T SLEEP, EVENTUALLY LEADING TO THEIR DEATHS. DOCTORS AND WIZARDS THREW IN THE TOWEL, UNABLE TO FIND A CURE.

BIND!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, MYSTERIOUS MAGICIANS APPEARED
THESE MAGICIANS ATE THE NIGHTMARES OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM THEM.
THEY ATE MORE AND MORE.

YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT NIGHTMARES ANYMORE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH! NOW I CAN SLEEP SOUNDLY!
SO THAT FAIRY TALE WAS TRUE!
WHEW.

...THANK YOU VERY MUCH
IF YOU START SEEING NIGHTMARES AGAIN, LET THE "BAKU" KNOW.
SMILE
Yeah, right!
BUSINESS SMILE
FAIRY TALE?
AH, THE MAGICIANS WHO EAT NIGHTMARES GRANDMA USED TO TELL ME ABOUT THEM WHEN I WAS A YOUNG BOY.
WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN THAT THEY ACTUALLY EXISTED?
annoyed
THANKS, I'LL DO THAT!
SWEET DREAMS!

NEDN.
SELENE.
WAS IT A SUCCESS?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. OUR EXISTENCE IS PRETTY MUCH LIKE ONE. HOW WAS THE NIGHTMARE YOU CAUGHT TODAY?
I EVEN REMEMBERED TO PUT ON MY BUSINESS SMILE.
grin
IT'S STILL ANNOYING BEING CALLED A FAIRY TALE, THOUGH.
EASY! LOOK AT IT!
roll

I'LL HAVE A TASTE.
chuckle
THAT'S FOR RIN. YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BEFORE YOUR MASTER.
YOU'RE RIGHT. LOOKS DELICIOUS.
LIKE I CARE.
Ah, I should just eat it
AH, SORRY. I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...
BAM
IT'S ALRIGHT... I WASN'T CAREFUL, EITHER.

HEY!
thud
I'M SORRY.
YOU... LOOK SICK. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HUH?
WAVER
WHAT'S WRONG?!
*DREAM DEMON
THIS GIRL'S POSSESSED BY A MUMA*.
SHE LOOKS HORRIBLE. WHAT A WASTE OF A GOOD FACE.

WHAT?!
TOUCH HER.
YOU'RE RIGHT... THIS BAD FEELING...
IN THIS CONDITION ...
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SHE GETS HER SOUL TAKEN.
erasing your nightmare

*DREAM PERSON
TECHNICALLY, SELENE AND I ARE SERVANTS OF BAKU, KNOWN AS YUMEBITO*
WE ARE "BAKU", A DREAM EATING CLAN THAT FEEDS OFF OF NIGHT-MARES.
YOU'VE BROUGHT A TROUBLESOME GUEST.
THE ONLY THING WE CAN EAT ARE THE PURE NIGHTMARES CREATED INSIDE HUMAN MINDS.
NIGHTMARES THAT THE MUMA INTENTIONALLY CREATE TASTE LIKE CRAP.
BUT I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE HER LIKE THAT!

THIS ISN'T VOLUNTER WORK, YOU KNOW THAT. FIGHTING MUMA FOR NO FOOD AND PAYMENT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
BUT LOOK AT HER/ SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE CAN AFFORD
TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
BAKU CAN USE A "BIND" TO CONVERT HUMANS INTO SERVANTS CALLED THE YUMEBITO.
THOSE WHO ARE "BOUND" ARE STRIPPED OF THEIR MEMORIES FROM WHEN THEY WERE HUMAN, AND CANNOT REGAIN THEM UNLESS THE BIND IS LIFTED.
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW I SPELLED RIN'S YUMEBITO THE FIRST TIME.
YOU'RE TOO SOFT. YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT SUITED TO BE A BAKU.
THE ONLY TIME THE SPELL IS LIFTED IS WHEN THE BAKU WHO CASTED THE SPELL DIES, OR IF YOU FIND OUT THE DE-SPELL METHOD THAT THE BAKU CREATED

SHE'S ABOUT 14, AROUND THE SAME AGE AS YOU.
PLUS, SHE LOOKS SO DRAINED... I FEEL BAD FOR HER
WE MUST KEEP FIGHTS WITH THE MUMA TO A MINIMUM.
YOU MEAN I LOOK ABOUT THE SANE! I'M A FEW HUNDRED YEARS OLDER THAN YOU YOUNGSTERS!
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. DREAMS INTENTIONALLY CREATED BY THE MUMA WON'T FILL OUR STOMACHS.
GO HUNT SOME MORE PURE NIGHT-MARES CREATED BY HUMANS.
NEON, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS. BUT QUIT BUTTING INTO MAT-TERS THAT DON'T CONCERN YOU!
I'VE GOTTEN SOME REQUESTS I'LL BE HEADING OUT TONIGHT..
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO COLD!

Nn...
SHE'S AT THE TERMINAL STAGE.
<ANNOYED>
I NEVER WANTED TO BE YOUR SERVANT!
STOP IT, YOU TWO!
THE MUMA POSSESSING HER MUST BE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO EAT HER SOUL.

HAA...
HAA ...
EEK!
<BAM!>
バン

FU...
FU FU
FU FU...
FU FU...
<WHIP>
<BAM>
STOP IT... WHAT IS THIS...
WHAT IS THIS...?!

FU FU
HEY!
FU...
gasp!
HEY, YOU!
MUMA ARE THE OPPOSITE OF BAKU. WHILE WE LIVE OFF OF NIGHTMARES, MUMA WEAKEN HUMANS BY CAUSING THEM THESE AND THEN EAT THEIR SOULS
ARE YOU AWAKE? HOW DO YOU FEEL?
THE BAKU AND THE MUMA HAVE LONG BEEN AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER

...WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE AT OUR PLACE. YOU COLLAPSED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, SO WE BROUGHT YOU BACK.
THANK YOU FOR WAKING ME UP. OTHERWISE, I WOULD'VE HAD TO SEE THAT DREAM AGAIN.
WHAT'S THIS DREAM YOU JUST MENTIONED?
I'VE BEEN SEEING THIS REALLY SCARY DREAM LATELY...
I ALWAYS FEEL SO EXHAUSTED, EVEN THOUGH I GO TO SLEEP.
...
NEON,
WALK HER BACK.

AH . THIS IS A CAKE I BAKED FOR MY FRIEND
BUT I CAN'T GIVE IT TO HER TODAY, SO PLEASE HAVE IT. I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
HEY, RIN!
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE. I'LL LEAVE NOW!
YOU SAID I LOOKED SICK, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THAT.
YOU SHOULD EAT MORE.
AH, THANK YOU...
WAIT!

NEON.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY, WAIT!
HUH?
...MY NAME.
HERE.
shove
WELL, I... UH... TAKE IT WHEN I HAVE SCARY DREAMS, TOO.
IT'S SOME SLEEP MEDICATION. YOU'LL SLEEP SOUNDLY WITHOUT ANY DREAMS.
IT WORKS WELL! IT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN TO ME BY MY GRAND MOTHER.

I'M BACK, MOTHER! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
THANK YOU, NEON.
MY NAME'S MARINA.
...GOOD NIGHT, MARINA.

WELCOME BACK, MARINA.
THE MEDICINE MUST BE WORKING. I FEEL GREAT TODAY.
NO, EVERYONE'S TREATING ME WELL. DON'T WORRY, I'M JUST TIRED.
DON'T MIND ME, YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.
OH MOTHER, PLEASE. STOP SAYING THAT. I'LL BE GOING TO BED NOW.
twitch
GOOD NIGHT, THEN. SWEET DREAMS.
THAT'S GREAT.
YOU DON'T LOOK GOOD. WORKING TOO MANY HOURS?

I KNOW IT. I'M GOING TO HAVE THAT DREAM AGAIN.
YOU, TOO, MOTHER.
I WONDER IF IT'LL WORK.
YOU'LL SLEEP SOUNDLY WITHOUT ANY DREAMS.
POUR
I'M SCARED...

GULP
THUD
CLANG
peek
GREAT, IT WORKED.

THIS IS WHERE IT GETS DIFFICULT.
BUT I CAN HANDLE A MUMA... I'VE ASSISTED RIN ENOUGH TIMES.
JUST YOU WAIT, MUMA!

THAT BASTARD...!
HE ENTERED A NIGHTMARE THAT THE MUMA SET UP.
<WAKE>
Stop
Stop
WHAT'S WRONG, RIN?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
I CAN TELL WHAT MY SERVANTS ARE DOING.
NORMAL NIGHTMARES SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, BUT IT'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STORY NOW THAT HE'S DEALING WITH ONE SET UP BY A MUMA.
THAT IDIOT. HE'S ONLY HAD 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A YUMEBITO.
HOW COULD HE WALK INTO A MUMA'S NIGHTMARE SO CARELESSLY...?!

SO I'M INSIDE MARINA'S DREAM...
WHAT A DRAB ROOM...
MARINA!
MARINA, DON'T WORRY... I'M HERE.

!!
...NEON?
YOU REMEMBERED ME.
MARINA!
MARINA!

NO, I'M HERE TO ERASE YOUR NIGHT-MARES.
ARE YOU A DREAM AS WELL?
ERASE?
YES. I'M PART OF A CLAN THAT EATS NIGHT-MARES. WE ARE KNOWN AS BAKU.
Well, technically, I'm just a servant—
NOT LIKE THE DREAMS YOU MAKE
SO YOU'LL TAKE AWAY MY NIGHT-MARES...?
I PROMISE YOU I'LL BE DONE QUICKLY.
ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!

COME OUT, MUMA!
WHAT SNOTTY YUMEBITO DARES TO SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT?
<CREAK>
YOU'LL REGRET IT.

MARINA? I HEARD A SOUND...
OH, THE WINDOW'S OPEN...
EEK!
M-MARINA!
WHAT'S WRONG?! WHO IS THIS MAN?!
Slap
Slap
MARINA!
MARINA!
NNN...

ゴゴゴゴ
FUFUFU... YOU CARE-LESS BOY...
LOOKS LIKE THE GIRL WOKE UP.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? YOU CAN'T ESCAPE MY DREAM NOW.
<FADE>
haa
haa
YOU CAN'T GET OUT...
IS HE GOING TO COME LATER? WELL, I'LL JUST HURRY UP AND TAKE THAT GIRL'S SOUL.
BUT BEFORE THAT...
WHERE'S YOUR CLAN, HMM?
HOW ABOUT YOUR MASTER BAKU?

<SLAM>
I WON'T LET YOU GO BACK ALIVE.
WHO ARE YOU, PEOPLE?!

Waver
YOU... YOU TWO ARE..
THUD
HELP... HIM...
<SWOOSH>
NEON IS...

LET'S GO, SELENE!
THAT IDIOT...
UGH...
HA...
OH? SEEMS LIKE THE GIRL IS RETURNING TO THIS DREAM.
GUH...

BUT IT'S TOO LATE. AFTER I FINISH YOU OFF, I'LL TAKE HER SOUL.
R-RIN...
NEON!
OH, I SEE THAT YOUR CLAN HAS ARRIVED.
YEAH, BUT I'M NOT THE SAME AS THE YUMEBITO OVER THERE.

I AM...
AAAAAH!
WHO ARE YOU... THIS POWER ...
SEND LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS!
A TRUE BAKU!

KGYAAAH?
ギャアアアア

<WHIRR>
キュウウウ
PHEW.

I FEEL GREAT... I FINALLY GOT A GOOD NIGHT'S REST...
GOOD MORNING, MOTHER.
NEON...
GOOD MORNING, MARINA.

I FEEL LIKE I SAW AN ODD DREAM... I WONDER WHAT IT WAS.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, NEON?
YEAH...
CAFE
ME, TOO.
GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH A TROUBLE-MAKER.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

?!...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE WOULD'VE WOKEN UP IF I MADE IT!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE THAT SLEEPING MEDICATION, RIGHT?!
<POINT>
!!
NEON, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ACTED CARELESSLY. REMEMBER THAT.
...I'M SORRY.
YOU NEVER BORE ME!
Plus, you fall for others too easily~
I NEVER REGRETTED MAKING YOU MY SERVANT.

TCH...
RIN!

SWEET DREAMS.

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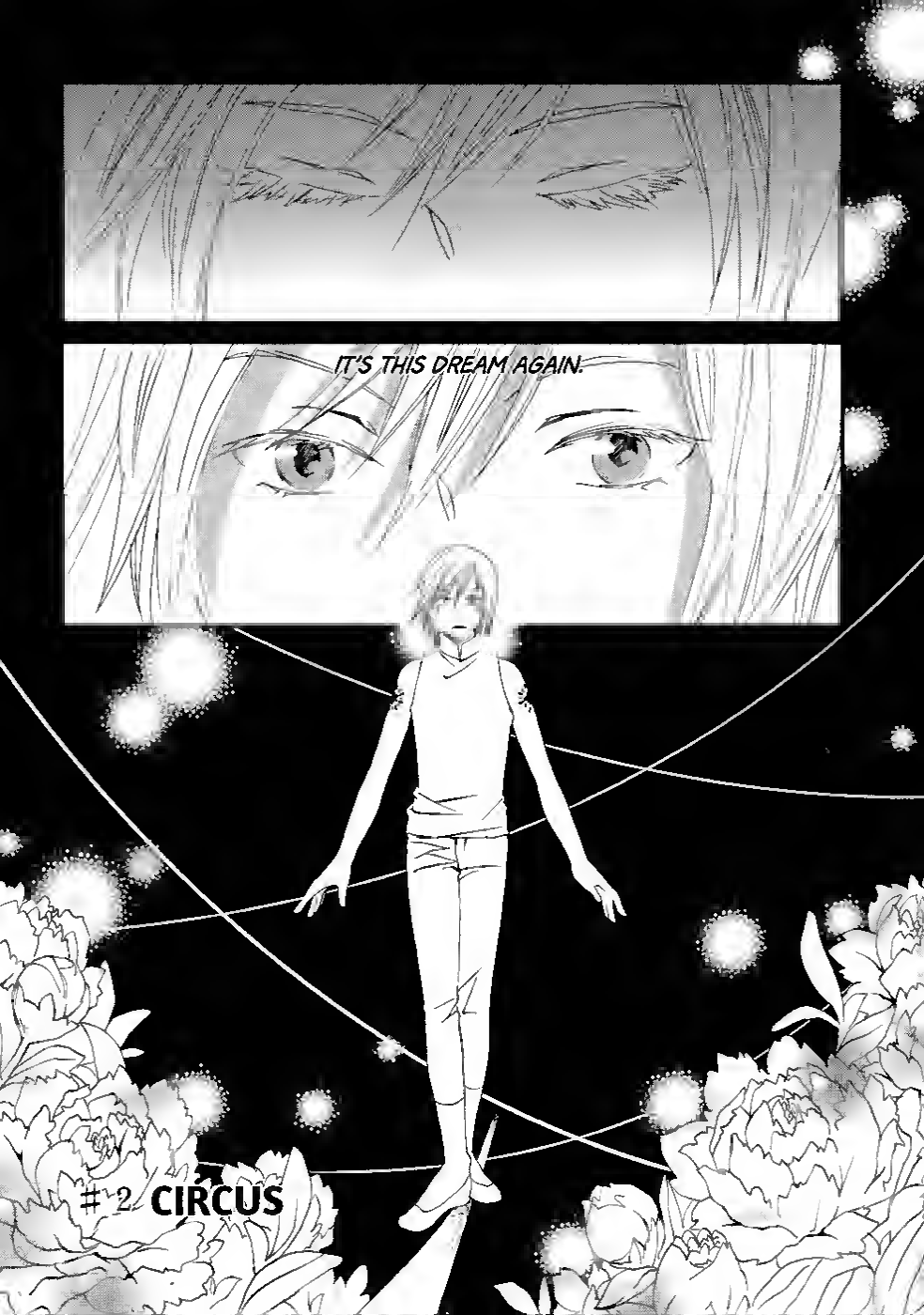

IT'S THIS DREAM AGAIN.
2 CIRCUS

＃2 CIRCUS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JULIE?!
JULIE!
OVER THERE IS...!
Wa
ver

IT'S A FUN AND MYSTERIOUS CIRCUS! ONLY TWO SHOWINGS LEFT! TICKETS ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN. THEY SET UP A TENT AT THE EDGE OF TOWN NEAR THE FOREST
IT'S A PARADE TO ADVERTISE IT.
JULIE!

BOOM
BOOM
SMILE
DO YOU THINK RIN WOULD GO IF WE GOT TICKETS?
LOOKS FUN. IT'S CALLED "THE FAIRIES' BANQUET".
MAYBE. BUT HE HATES CROWDS...
NEON...
crush
!!!
SELENE, LET'S GO! I'M SURE IT'LL BE GREAT!

STARE
HERE'S A PRESENT FROM THE FLOWER FAIRY.
here
PLEASE COME AND WATCH!
WHAT WAS THAT FEELING...?

WHAT'S WRONG, SELENE?
gasp!
NEON IS HE...
<DING DONG>
SHOOT, WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE CLIENT!
I FORGOT! WE NEED TO HURRY!

OOPS...
WE'RE BACK, RIN—
WE SAW A CIRCUS PARADE IN THE CITY...
BAM
clatter
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL?
OF COURSE... WHO'S THIS?

APPARENTLY HE WORKS IN THE CIRCUS YOU JUST SAW.
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME'S JULIE. I HEARD THAT YOU'RE MAGICIANS THAT ERASE NIGHTMARES,
SO I THOUGHT I'D PAY YOU A VISIT.
ARE YOU THE FLOWER FAIRY?!
sparkle sparkle
UH... YES.
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE!
ARE YOU BEING BOTHERED BY A NIGHTMARE?
...IT'S NOT YOU.
AH.
TWIRL
YOU CAN TELL?!

IT'S A BOY, THE SAME FLOWER FAIRY AS YOU..
AM I RIGHT?
...YES.
HE'S EMIR, AND HE'S A FLOWER FAIRY AS WELL...
WE PERFORM IN PAIRS... BUT RECENTLY, HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGELY.
STRANGELY?
WE HAVE TO DO ACROBATICS ON ROPES STRUNG UP ON STAGE.
BUT SUDDENLY, HE REFUSED TO DO THEM.
WE CAN'T IMMEDIATELY REPLACE HIM SINCE HE HAS A POPULAR ROLE...
...SO I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT.

AND HE TOLD ME HE WAS SCARED OF LETTING GO OF MY HAND WHILE DOING THE ROUTINE...
HE SAID HE'S BEEN SEEING DREAMS LIKE THAT RECENTLY ...
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...
I CAN'T DO IT... I'M NOT GOING TODAY.
I'M SORRY, JULIE.
BUT WHAT IF I REALLY LET GO OF YOUR HAND?
YOU'VE NEVER DONE THAT DURING PRACTICE!
EMIR!
BUT I'M SCARED!

..I DON'T KNOW WHY EMIR STARTED SEEING THOSE DREAMS,
AND HE'S BEEN LOOKING SICK AND ANXIOUS EVERY DAY.
EVERY SINGLE NIGHT I DREAM OF LETTING GO OF YOUR HAND...
I WATCH YOU FALLING HEADFIRST INTO THE GROUND... I'M SICK OF IT!
I REALLY WANT TO PERFORM IN THE FINAL SHOWING. HE DID SAY HE WAS GOING TO PERFORM TONIGHT...
..I SEE. LET'S GO AND MEET EMIR, THEN.
YAY— A CIRCUS!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

EMIR,
YOU HAVE GUESTS.
OVER HERE.

NICE TO MEET YOU.
...JULIE, WHO ARE THEY?
!!!
I SEE, HE LOOKS SICK.
THEY'RE THE MAGICIANS THAT'LL ERASE YOUR NIGHT-MARES.
I WENT AND ASKED THEM FOR ADVICE ABOUT YOUR CONDITION
...TELL THEM TO LEAVE.

IT'S RIGHT BEFORE SHOWTIME! STOP MAKING ME LOSE CONCENTRATION!
EMIR!
THEY... ERASE NIGHT-MARES, YOU SAY?! DON'T LET FREAKS LIKE THAT IN HERE!
.. YOU THINK YOU CAN PERFORM DECENTLY IN THAT CONDITION?
touch
EXCUSE ME.
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I UNDER-STAND. WE'LL LEAVE FOR NOW.

...I'M SORRY.
DON'T COME ANY-MORE!
EMIR!
HE WASN'T LIKE THAT BEFORE HE STARTED SEEING THOSE NIGHTMARES ...
I'M SO SORRY...
IT'S ALRIGHT. WE'RE USED TO IT
HOW WAS IT, RIN?
IT'S A MUMA.

IT SEEMS LIKE..
A STRONG ONE THIS TIME.
clatter
WHY DO I KEEP SEEING THOSE DREAMS?

chatter
chatter
squeal
squeal
THERE ARE A LOT OF GIRLS.
EMIR IS IN THE NOON SHOWING, SO EVERYONE'S HERE FOR HIM.

THERE'S A SCENE WHERE THE FLOWER FAIRY THROWS A BOUQUET,
...WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
AND THERE'S A RUMOR THAT IT'LL BRING HAPPINESS TO WHOEVER CATCHES IT.
I'M GOING TO GET A BOUQUET FROM HIM TODAY!
LAST TIME HE THREW IT TO THE OTHER SIDE.
...YOU'RE AWFULLY INFORMED
NO MATTER HOW MANY DECADES PASS, I'M STILL A GIRL AT HEART. I JUST LOVE GOSSIP.
AH, IT'S STARTING!
THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!
ON A LOVELY NIGHT LIKE THIS, THE FAIRIES WILL COME OUT.
FROM THE WOODS AND LAKES.
ligh x

TONIGHT WE WILL INVITE YOU
TO THE MYSTERIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF FAIRIES
WOW!
HMPH.
THIS IS EXCITING! ISN'T IT, RIN?
LOOK, IT'S JULIE'S PART!

JULIE!
エミル――
キャ――
EMIR!
――ッ
ニィィィ――
GASP!
grab
What, you didn't know?!
THAT'S A MAN?!
FLAT
I'M SHOCKED... HE WAS CUTE.
Idiot

HEY...
HE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
slip
Ka
Yup
KYAAAA

WE'RE VERY SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE MAIN ACTOR OF THE "FLOWER FAIRY" PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO PERFORM...
WE ARE EXTREMELY SORRY. WE'LL HAVE A TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION.
CHATTER
CHATTER
IS EMIR ALRIGHT?
HE ONLY FELL ABOUT A METER...
WE WILL KEEP YOU UP TO OATE ABOUT TOMORROW'S SHOWING.
I'M WORRIED. I WONDER IF HE'LL ACCEPT GIFTS.
LET'S BRING SOMETHING TO HIM TOMORROW.
...LET'S GO.

RIN... EVERYONE...
JULIE!
IS HE ALRIGHT?
HE ONLY FELL A SHORT DISTANCE, BUT HE'S NOT WAKING UP.
RIN, SHOULD WE GO IN?
MAYBE HE HIT HIS HEAD REALLY HARD... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

OR ELSE YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP.
JULIE, WE ARE GOING TO BURN SOME MEDICINE. SO WAIT OUTSIDE...
YEAH. HE PROBABLY CAN'T INGEST THE SLEEP MEDICATION WE'LL HAVE TO BURN IT.
PLEASE SAVE EMIR.
Pure
TAP
TAP
LEAVE IT TO US.

SHOULD I GO IN FIRST?
...I HAVE A BAD FEELING.
I'LL GO FIRST. IF I DON'T COME OUT IN 15 MINUTES, COME IN.

...I DON'T LIKE THIS AIR.
creak
EMIR!

IT CAME OUT.
HELLO.
I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS BOY'S SOUL, SO DON'T DISTURB ME.
...BUT A BAKU LIKE YOU WOULD NOT LISTEN, TO ME RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT A LOWER LEVEL MUMA.
FUFU— WHAT AN HONOR TO BE PRAISED BY YOU.

YOU'RE STRONG. YOU'VE WEAKENED EMIR SO MUCH IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY FURTHER. I'M NOT LETTING YOU TAKE EMIR'S SOUL.
パチ
TOO BAD.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY YOUR MEAL.
SHST

crumble
crumble
UGH...

SPLAT
YOU'RE DEFINITELY WORTHY OF BEING ON TOP OF THE MUMA CLAN'S ASSASSINATION LIST, RIN.
WHAT?!
GAH...
DON'T THINK THAT
THIS IS THE END.
STOP RESISTING!

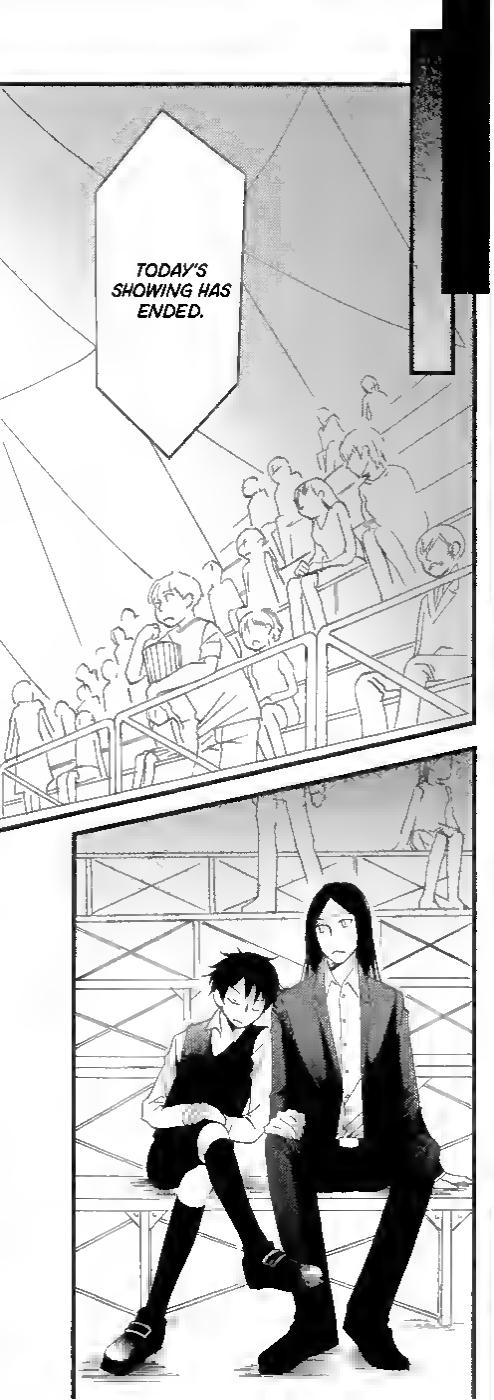
キャアア
KYAAAA

SEND LIGHT TO THE DARK-NESS!

<GYAAAAA>
DON'T BETRAY YOUR CLAN
LIKE KISENOS DID.
KISENOS?!

WHY...

WHY
DOES HE
KNOW ABOUT
KISENOS?


TODAY'S SHOWING HAS ENDED.

YOU KNOW HE HAD NO CHANCE.
I GUESS.
...YOU LOOK DRAINED.
IT'S ALRIGHT. I'M JUST USING DECOYS TO SEE HOW THEY'LL ACT.
BUT CHANCELLOR, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DO THIS
THAT'S TRUE.. BUT I DON'T SUPPORT THE WAYS OF MY PREDE-CESSOR,
WHO AVOIDED THE BAKU AND LIVED A MISE-RABLE LIFE FEEDING OFF OF HUMAN MINDS.

ARSENICA—
MIGHT AS WELL DESTROY THE BAKU WHILE I'M AT.
RIN!
WHAT'S WRONG?! WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
I'M FINE.

...DID YOU HAVE A HARD TIME?
NO. I GOT RID OF IT.
I'VE REMOVED EMIR'S NIGHT-MARES.
HE SHOULDN'T SEE THAT NIGHTMARE ANYMORE.
AH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

BRAVO!!!
WAAAH!
I'M GLAD THOSE TWO LOOK BETTER.
YES.
YUP.

Rustle
SWISH
NO FAIR, SELENE!

THIS IS JUST...
THE BEGINNING...
RIN, WHAT'S WRONG?
NO...
OH, SORRY.
WHAT?

THIS IS JUST
THE BEGINNING.

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SO PLEASE, DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME.

#3 SCHOOL

WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, RIGHT, DANIEL?
NICHOLAS. TAKE CARE AT YOUR NEW PARENTS' PLACE.

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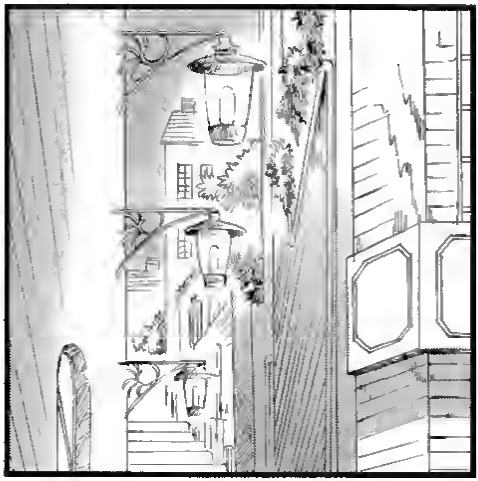


ring
dong
THIS TIME, ONE OF OUR FELLOW COMMONERS WAS AT THE TOP.
OBVIOUSLY, THE RICHEST OF THE RICH ARISTOCRAT KIDS. THEY GET THE BEST EDUCATION.
I SAW THE LATEST TEST RESULTS!
SERIOUSLY?! IT MUST BE HIM! YO, DANIEL, HERO OF THE COMMONERS!
Whistle
CRAP, I BOMBED THAT ONE.
WHO WAS FIRST?

AH, I DID FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT IT.
GREAT JOB, YOU WERE IN FIRST PLACE!
WHAT?
DID YOU SEE THE FACES OF THOSE ARISTOCRATS?! SO REFRESHING!
IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE.
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE TOP TEN. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S NOT FROM THE UPPER CLASS.
LOOK AT THEM. THEY'RE BRAGGING BECAUSE A COMMONER GOT TO THE TOP BY COINCIDENCE.
YOU'LL GET YOUR PLACE BACK.
STOP IT.

sigh
UGH, HE'S GLARING AT ME. THIS IS WHY I HATE DRAWING ATTENTION...
click
...
CONGRA-TULATIONS.

I LIKE HOW THIS SCHOOL DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN THE ARISTOCRATS AND THE COMMONERS
AH, THANKS..
BUT I JUST GOT LUCKY.
BUT BEING IN THE SAME ROOM AS THEM IS PRETTY STRESSFUL... ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THIS GUY.
I HEARD YOU GOT IN THROUGH A SCHOLARSHIP, BUT YOU PLACED FIRST IN THE EXAMS, RIGHT?
LUCK? BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SO SERIOUS ABOUT STUDYING.
WELL, I ADMIT I HAD TO TRY HARDER,
SINCE GETTING A SCHOLARSHIP WAS THE ONLY WAY I'D GET IN HERE.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I RECEIVED SPECIAL EDUCATION LIKE YOU GUYS,
SO I WAS LUCKY THAT I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEMS.
annoyed.
CRAP, I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT.

DANIEL. YOU GOT SOMETHING FROM... MR. ROBSON?
HEY, NICHOLAS, I HAVE A LETTER HERE FROM YOUR HOME.
YEAH.
AH... THANKS.
CHATTER
CHATTER
glance
OH... I SEE.
NAH, HE RAISED ME AT THE ORPHANAGE.
ARE YOU RELATED?

AGAIN...
UGH...
UH...
uh_ ugh_ uh_
UGH...
UH...
uhhh_
shake_
shake
HEY, YOU ALRIGHT?
DID YOU HAVE A BAD DREAM?
HMM... I'M NOT SLEEPING WELL THESE DAYS...
GO DRINK SOME WATER.
sway sway
YEAH, I'LL DO THAT. SORRY FOR WAKING YOU UP.

IT'S NOT JUST HIM. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SEEING NIGHTMARES LATELY.
EVEN IN THIS SIX-PERSON ROOM.
HALF OF THEM ARE PLAGUED WITH NIGHT-MARES
NICHOLAS...

NICHOLAS, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WERE ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF YOUR CLASS.
YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECOME A DOCTOR.
YOU'RE FIRST PLACE AGAIN! JUST AS EXPECTED FROM A DOCTOR'S SON!
I'M EXPECTING MORE FROM YOU. WHY DO YOU THINK I ADOPTED YOU?
NICHOLAS!
NICHOLAS!
GASP!

HUFF
HUFF
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! YOU DON'T LOOK GOOD!
...I'M OKAY.
I'M ASKING YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE IT!
CAN YOU STOP DISTURBING ME FROM STUDYING?
creak
YEAH, YEAH, WHAT-EVER.
YOU'RE SO USED TO ACTING LIKE AN ARISTO-CRAT NOW.
turn
DANIEL...!

IT'S FROM MR. ROBSON.
AFTER I TOLD HIM YOU'RE HERE, HE'S BEEN ASKING ME HOW YOU'RE DOING.
?
IDIOT, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO'D BE IN THE STUDY ROOM AT THIS HOUR.
READ THIS.
...
CLATTER
YOU DON'T NEED TO STUDY SO HARD. YOUR PATH'S ALREADY LAID OUT FOR YOU,
JUST LIKE YOUR ELITE CLASSMATES, RIGHT?
I NEVER TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THAT PLACE. IT'LL AFFECT MY FUTURE.
STOP IT, I'M NOT AN ORPHAN ANYMORE.

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE THEM!
I CAN'T BECOME A DOCTOR BY LAZILY FOLLOWING A SET PATH!
I CAN'T LET MY FATHER DOWN!
MR. ROBSON'S LIKE A FATHER TO YOU, TOO. HE TOOK CARE OF US!
..IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.
SQUEEZE
FINE!
step
step

YOU'RE RIGHT, THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO RAISE MANY NIGHT-MARES AT ONCE.
CAN WE DRAW OUT THE BAKU?
PROBABLY. IF WE SET MANY NIGHT-MARES UP WITHIN THESE CHILDREN,
THE BAKU WON'T KEEP QUIET THEY'LL INCREASE THEIR FORCES AND COME AFTER US

IT'S KNOWN AMONG US MUMA THAT THE BAKU'S ELITE THREE INHERIT ENORMOUS POWERS
MAYBE THEY WILL BE CALLED OVER TO DEAL WITH THIS
ONE WHO EATS ALL THREE OF THEIR SOULS GAIN UNIMAGINABLE POWER...
FU FU..
I WANT TO SEE HIM... AGAIN.
Munch
CRUNCH
RIN: A BAKU

THE NIGHTMARES WE STOCKED UP ARE GONE! I SWEAR WE HAD SOME LEFT!
WHAT'S WRONG?
ROLL
AH!
WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN MANY REQUESTS THESE DAYS. OUR STOCK MUST'VE RUN OUT.
SELENE: RIN'S YUMEBITO
THERE'S NO MORE LEFT!
NEON: RIN'S YUMEBITO
MAN, WE NEED REQUESTS. WHERE ARE ALL THE PURE NIGHTMARES?
BINGE EATING
MUNCH
MUNCH
...
THAT'S TRUE, TOO, BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF RIN. HE'S BEEN LIKE EVER SINCE HIS LAST FIGHT WITH A MUMA... I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED.
whisper
whisper

EAT SOME BREAD AND TAKE YOUR MIND OFF OF IT.
toss
The last one...!
GUESS WE CAN'T HELP IT. LET'S GO.
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
munch munch
OF COURSE I DO!
Bread's not going to make us full!
WE HAVE TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IF WE DON'T WANT TO STARVE...
I'm hungry...
nstle

LIBRARY
THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS DOZING OFF PEACEFULLY...
I'LL LOOK OVER HERE.
WITH SO MANY KIDS NAPPING HERE, THERE MUST BE A FEW SEEING NIGHTMARES.
I'LL LOOK THERE. DON'T MESS UP THIS TIME, NEON.

I KNOW!
WE ARE BAKU, A CLAN THAT EATS NIGHTMARES (I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, BUT I'M A SERVANT OF THEIRS, KNOWN AS A YUMEBITO).
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING OUT OF OUR WAY TO LOOK FOR NIGHTMARES.
WE USUALLY GET REQUESTS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERED BY THEIR NIGHTMARES, AND WE GET RID OF THEM BY EATING IT.
WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY REQUESTS LATELY, THOUGH, SO WE RAN OUT OF STOCK
NAH, THIS ISN'T A NIGHTMARE.
WHY IS HE EVEN AT THE LIBRARY?

WE USUALLY PUT THE TARGET TO SLEEP USING A STRONG SLEEPING MEDICATION SO THAT THEY WON'T WAKE UP WHILE WE'RE INSIDE.
BUT IN THIS SITUATION, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THE DREAMER MAY WAKE UP.
THIS IS ACTUALLY A DANGEROUS METHOD.
IF HE WAKES UP, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE DREAM.
WELL, RIN AND THE OTHERS ARE HERE SO THEY CAN HELP ME GET OUT IF THAT HAPPENS...
WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT PARTNERS.

fwsh
WHOA ...!
GREAT! DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BIG ONE, BUT IT'S STILL A NIGHTMARE.

SO THAT'S THE HOST.
I HATE THESE.
IT'S ONE OF THOSE FALLING DREAMS.
thunk
LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE, I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A BAKU BUT I GOT A MEASLY YUMEBITO INSTEAD.
SORRY FOR INTRUDING INTO YOUR DREAMS, BUT I'LL EAT AWAY YOUR NIGHT-MARES.
TUG

I'M NOT DEALING WITH YOU. BRING YOUR MASTER.
WHAT?
SLAM
THUD?
fwsh
A MUMA?!

CRAP, HE WOKE UP!
fade
I TOLD HIM TO BE CAREFUL...
I WONDER WHO HE'S TRAPPED INSIDE.
HOLD ON.
OVER THERE.

gasp
YOU.
wipe
CRAP, THE LIBRARIAN GETS MAD IF THEY CATCH YOU SLEEPING.
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT?
THAT WAS A WEIRD DREAM. DID I CATCH NICHOLAS' NIGHTMARE? ..NAH, NO WAY.

PLEASE BELIEVE US, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO DECEIVE YOU
SEEMS FISHY, BUT...
...GO AHEAD, THEN. MY NAME IS DANIEL.
I'M RIN.
relieved
THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SELENE.
...YOU'RE SAYING THAT ONE OF YOUR PARTNERS IS STUCK IN MY DREAMS..
AND YOU WANT TO GO AND SAVE HIM...?
YOU WON'T GET ANY MONEY BY SCAMMING ME.
I'm a poor student
THAT'S RIGHT. WE NEED TO SAVE HIM WITHIN 24 HOURS, OR ELSE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK ALIVE.

?
sift sift
All right
JUMP
DON'T WORRY, IT'S A SLEEP MEDICATION, SO YOU DON'T WAKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR DREAM.
THIS IS SOMETHING EVERY HOST DOES.
THEN, DANIEL.
COULD YOU TAKE THIS?
fade
GO AHEAD, SELENE.
LEAVE IT TO ME.
WHOA.. THIS REALLY WORKS..

SELENE! THANKS! I'M REALLY SORRY.
IT'S ALRIGHT. LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT RID OF THE NIGHTMARE.
dash
I CAME TO HELP YOU!
NEON!
I DIDN'T SENSE IT BEFORE I CAME IN, SO HE MUST BE GOOD AT SETTING UP NIGHT-MARES.
HE SAID HE HAD NO NEED FOR ME SO HE LEFT...
I admit it was a relief since I still can't defeat a Mùma.
WELL... I DID GET IT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE ONE THAT A MUMA CREATED.
HUH?!

IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS SET UP FAIRLY RECENTLY,
SINCE I EASILY GOT RID OF IT.
LET'S HURRY BACK.
SHOW IT TO ME.
...LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST CREATED.
NN...

...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOOK AWAY MY NIGHTMARES
YEAH... I FEEL REFRESHED.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THANK YOU, DANIEL. YOU SAVED THIS IDIOT.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
RIN.
WHAT?
HUH? OH, YEAH, I GUESS... IT DIDN'T GO SMOOTHLY, THOUGH...
Plus, I went in without permission
NAH, YOURS WAS A WEAK NIGHTMARE, SO IT WAS EASY.
AMAZING...

...DOES THAT MEAN THE OTHERS MIGHT BE INFESTED BY THE MUMA AS WELL...?
HERE.
roll
!!
...HEY,
THERE ARE SOME OTHERS AT SCHOOL WHO ARE BOTHERED BY NIGHT-MARES
NOT TO ASK FOR A FAVOR FOR HELPING YOU GUYS OUT, BUT...
SMIRK

Sigh
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING! YOU'RE PASSING AS AN EXTREMELY RICH TRANSFER STUDENT, AND WE MET AT THE LIBRARY!
What a setting.
RIN!
I DON'T NEED THIS KIND OF MEAL...
I'll pretend to eat
YOU DON'T EAT MUCH. THE WORKERS ARE GONNA GLARE AT YOU.
HEY, TRANSFER! YOU KNEW DANNY BEFORE YOU TRANSFERRED OVER?
THAT'S RIGHT! WE STUDENTS ONLY HAVE THESE MEALS TO KEEP YOU FROM STARVING.

WHAT? ANOTHER COMMONER TRANSFERRED IN?
ISN'T HE A NOUVEAU RICH, ANYWAY? I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF HIS FAMILY NAME!
glare
LET'S GO, NICHOLAS! I FEEL BAD THAT YOU HAVE TO ROOM WITH THEM.
TOO BAD, CLAUDE.
RIN ISN'T AN ARISTOCRAT LIKE THE ONES YOU'RE INFATUATED WITH.
A bunch of lies
BUT DON'T YOU THINK HE HAS A VERY ELEGANT AURA, UNLIKE YOU?

NICHOLAS?
DON'T TOUCH ME.
SLAP
YOU GUYS NEED TO SHUT UP!
STEP
STEP
HOW RARE FOR NICHOLAS TO TALK LIKE THAT...
HE'S ALWAYS ACTING LIKE HE'S THE TEACHER'S PET.
HE'S PISSED OFF BECAUSE DANIEL TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE LAST EXAM.
AH, I SEE...

ring
dong
Ugh...
IT'S NOTHING YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT.
SORRY IT'S SO ROWDY...
BUT YOU AGREED TO GO UNDERCOVER, AND EVEN GOT A UNIFORM...
Oh my gosh, a uniform!!! So cute!!!
DRESS BY SELENE
LEAD ME TO YOUR DORM.

DANIEL... EVERYONE... I'LL WRITE TO YOU.
SO PLEASE DON'T FORGET ME.
NICHOLAS, TAKE CARE AT YOUR NEW PARENTS' PLACE.
I'LL WRITE TO YOU, TOO.
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, RIGHT, DANIEL?
BUT NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME, YOU'LL PROBABLY PRETEND TO NOT KNOW ME.
THERE'S NO WAY I'D DO THAT.
...WHEN WE MET AGAIN AT THIS SCHOOL...

EEK!
PASK
...YOU WERE THE ONE WHO LOOKED AWAY.
LUNGE

DANIEL,
shut
NICHOLAS LEFT.
step
creak
NICHOLAS DID?!

GEEZ, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I ENTERED A HUMAN'S ROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION.
THERE, THERE. AT LEAST WE KNOW THE SCHOOL'S SITUATION.
I HEARD THE MUMA WERE MAKING A MOVE... BUT THIS IS BAD.
THE STUDENTS HERE ARE BEING INFESTED BY THE MUMA AT AN ALARMING RATE.
IS THIS SOMETHING YOU REALLY NEED TO DO, CHANCELLOR?
SNAP!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE ENTERING DREAMS, SO WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING RISKY.
...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SUMMON THE BAKU!
ALL OF THE ONES THAT CAN FIGHT!
ザッ
WELL,
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ALREADY ONE THAT HAS INFILTRATED THE SCHOOL ALREADY.

huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff

WHICH WAY DID HE GO?!
I OON'T KNOW... SHIT, HOW DID I LOSE SIGHT OF HIM?!
HE MIGHT BE ACTING UN-CONSCIOUSLY. AT THIS RATE, THE MUMA WILL...
RIN, OVER THERE!
...HE'S GOING TO CLIMB THE TOWER...

HUFF
LET'S HURRY!
DON'T TELL ME...!
WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ME?
WE GREW UP TOGETHER, RAISED BY MR. ROBSON
I'M... SORRY... BUT I...

NICHO-
LAS!
NICHO-
LAS!
NICHOLAS.
WAAAAAAH!

!!
<GRAB>
<YANK>
<THUD>
YOU... IDIOT!
wheeze
huff huff
STOP IT, HE PROBABLY DOESN'T REMEMBER!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
...RODEUS.
CLAP
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
THAT WAS SOME GREAT MOVEMENT.

HEY, RIN! WATCH YOUR MOUTH...
IT'S ALRIGHT, ARMEN. HE'S MY SENIOR IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCE AS A BAKU.
...NICHO-LAS...
whisper
HE'S AT THE FINAL STAGE.
I KNOW.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, CHANCELLOR?

FOR THIS TO HAPPEN TO MANY STUDENTS IN ONE PLACE.. SOMETHING IS OBVIOUSLY WRONG.
...AN UNBELIEVABLE NUMBER OF STUDENTS HERE HAVE BEEN INFESTED BY THE MUMA,
I THINK IT'S FOR THE SAME REASON AS YOU.
BUT THEY USUALLY ATTACK INDIVIDUALLY.
I SEE, SO YOU NOTICED
I HEARD THAT THE MUMA GOT A NEW CHANCELLOR.
THE OLD CHANCELLOR DIDN'T TAKE THIS KIND OF METHOD THE NEW ONE MUST BE CHARISMATIC,
!!
ENOUGH THAT THE MUMA WHO NORMALLY WORK INDIVIDUALLY, LIKE YOU SAID, ARE ACTUALLY TEAMING UP.

...IT'S A TRAP?
MAYBE IT'S TO LURE US IN. LET'S ACCEPT IT, MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THEM.
Smile~
THAT'S WHY I WAS GOING TO CALL UP THE ELITE THREE ALONG WITH THE OTHER BAKU.
You came without asking
so it's the other one and me.
HE'S COMING?!
I WAS GOING TO CALL HIM OVER, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL COME...
HE'S LAZY AND CHRONICALLY LATE.
...WELL, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT NICHOLAS.
glare
You're making Master Rodeus assist you?!
I DIDN'T BRING ANY OF MY YUMEBITO THIS TIME. COULD YOU ASSIST ME, RODEUS?

DON'T WORRY. LEAVE IT TO US, DANIEL.
NO PROBLEM.
NO, UM... I KNOW I'M STRETCHING MY LUCK.
BUT CAN I ENTER NICHOLAS' DREAM AS WELL?
HEY RIN, IS...
RODELIS, CAN I LEAVE IT TO YOU?
sigh
GUESS WE CAN'T HELP IT.
WHATEVER HE THINKS OF ME, HE'S STILL AN IMPORTANT CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE.
...I WANT TO SEE WHY HE'S SUFFERING.
DANIEL?

TAKE MY HAND.
BAKU ARE ABLE TO SEE A HUMAN'S DREAM BY TOUCHING THEM.
THE STRONGER THE BAKU'S POWERS, THE CLEARER THE DREAMS APPEAR.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIS DREAM VERY CLEARLY THROUGH ME, THOUGH YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER IT. IS THAT ARLGHT?
HUH?
Y-
YES.
gulp
sift sift
rustle

scratch
scratch
WHAT'S GOING ON?
step

DID YOU COME TO DISTURB MY STUDIES?
YES.
NICHOLAS, HOW SHOULD WE PUNISH BAD BOYS?
...I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU TELL ME TO, FATHER...
GOOD BOY, NICHOLAS...
NICHOLAS!

THAT'S ENOUGH TALKING!
FU FU FU ...
<HSOOHM>
<LASH>
<THUD>

<GUST>
DO YOU HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS?
THIS IS BAD.
I'M GOING IN. ARMEN, GUARD US.
YES!

FATHER...
SHOWTIME'S OVER.
SORRY, DANIEL.
NICHOLAS...!
YOU USUALLY WAIT UNTIL YOUR HOST IS WEAKENED.
<PUSH>
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT TAKING HIS SOUL BEFORE YOU COME TO BOTHER ME?
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL THIS KID SO QUICKLY...?!

IS HE AFTER US...?
HOW PERSISTENT, AS EXPECTED OF ONE OF THE ELITE THREES
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG THE MUMA WEREN'T THIS ACTIVE BEFORE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INHERITED KISENOS' POWERS?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?!
OH? SO YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING?

fwsh
Tch.
I GUESS THIS IS IT FOR TODAY.
rustle
CON-CEN-TRATE!
rustle
thunk
thunk
WAIT!

plo
nk
roll
Sigh
...WE EXTERMI-NATED THE NIGHTMARE,
BUT THE MUMA RAN AWAY.
SHIT...

WHOA!
WHAT?
NEON~ LEND ME A HAND!
NEON!
CAN YOU TIE THE BACK?
...WHAT ARE YOU GETTING DRESSED UP FOR?
I'M GOING TO SCHOOL AS RIN'S OLDER SISTER.
I NEED TO DRESS PROPERLY OR ELSE I'LL EMBARRASS HIM.
tie
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN WITH IT...
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE READY.
FOR A LONG TIME.

STAND
LET'S GO MUMA HUNTING.
..
depressed
HOW HUMILIATING... EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...
I NEEDED RODEUS TO HELP ME OUT...
THAT'S RIGHT, I CAN'T BE LIKE THIS. THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG MUMA HUNT TONIGHT.
YEAH.
YOU ALRIGHT, RIN?

RIN! HEY, RIN!
WHAT?
glance
ARE DISGUISED AS STUDENTS.
FOR THAT PURPOSE, MANY BAKU
ISN'T THAT MISS SELENE?
THOSE GUYS...!

DO YOU KNOW HER?
HEY, WHO IS THAT?
SHE'S HOT!
...THEY'RE MY OLDER BROTHER AND SISTER.
THOSE BASTARDS!
WE CAME FOR TONIGHT~
RIN! ARE YOU DOING ALRIGHT?
SLAM
YOU GUYS!

NOT LIKE YOU'LL BE HELPFUL AT ALL.
How mean!
MASTER RODEUS!
?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT, RIN.
NEON, WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?!
tug
I'LL BE BUSY TODAY, SO HELP RIN OUT.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
YOU'RE RIN'S YUMEBITO. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE ONE OF THE TOP THREE BAKU.
BAKU'S POWERS ARE INHERITED. ONCE I RETIRE, I'LL PASS MINE ALONG TO YOU OR SELENE.
THE ELITE THREE'S JUST A BIT STRONGER THAN THE AVERAGE BAKU. WE'RE NOTHING SPECIAL.
...HE'LL DEFINITELY CHOOSE SELENE...
PUFF

THE CHANCELLOR...
SELENE HASN'T SEEN RODEUS SINCE HER REIGNING CEREMONY,
AND I MADE YOU MY YUME-BITO AFTER THAT.

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ELITE THREE. RODEUS IS THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BAKU,
AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE ELITE THREE.

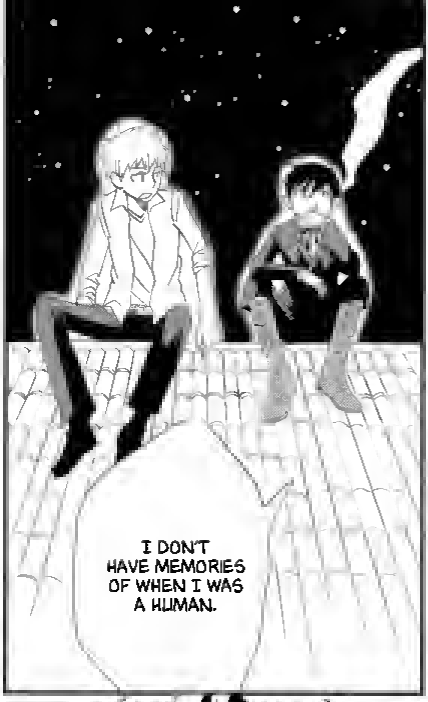
...
OH?

SWIPE

WANT ONE?
..THANKS.

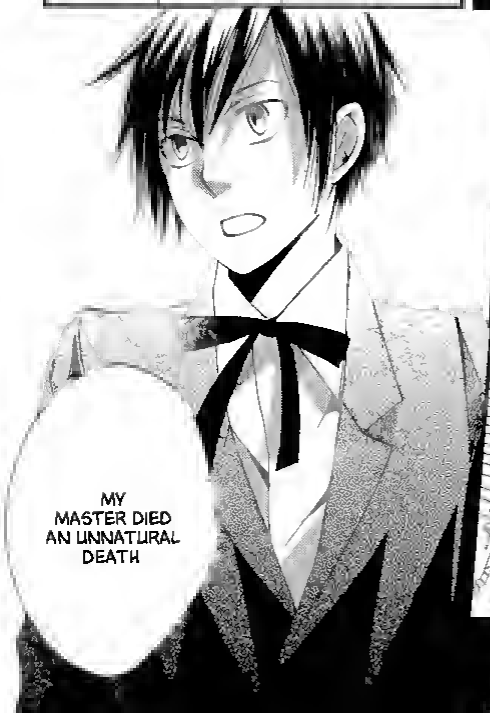
MY OLD MASTER USED TO SMOKE, SO IT BECAME A HABIT.
YOU'VE BEEN SMOKING THIS WHOLE TIME? WHAT A WEIRD TASTE...
RIN'S MASTER... THAT'S RIGHT, I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE TIME WHEN RIN WAS A YUMEBITO.
UGH! WHAT IS THIS, KISENOS? WHAT A WEIRD TASTE!
NO, HE WAS COMPLETELY AN ADULT.
HEY, DID YOUR MASTER LOOK LIKE A KID, TOO?

LET'S GO, WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO.
Annoyed
HA HA, YOU'LL GET HOOKED ON IT SOON. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND.
YOU LOOK GOOD IN THAT UNIFORM DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE TIMES WHEN YOU WERE STILL A HUMAN?
I CAN'T IMAGING YOU LIVING AS A STUDENT, THOUGH
MAYBE I WENT TO SCHOOL, THOUGH.
BUT UNLESS YOUR SEAL WEARS OFF, I WON'T EVER REMEMBER IT.
WHY DID HE KNOW ABOUT KISENOS ?


I DON'T HAVE MEMORIES OF WHEN I WAS A HUMAN.

...

I DON'T REMEMBER IT.


MY MASTER DIED AN UNNATURAL DEATH

BUT I THOUGHT YOU REGAIN YOUR MEMORIES WHEN YOU INHERIT THE POWERS OF A BAKU AND YOUR SEAL IS LIFTED..
NORMALLY, YEAH.
THEN...

WHISTLE
RIN?
TOO BAD I'M A LAME MASTER WHO DOES NOT EVEN HAVE HIS OWN MEMORIES.
BUT I'M NOT A LOSER THAT'LL CARRY YOUR MEMORIES TO MY DEATH, SO DON'T WORRY.
THAT'S THE SIGNAL. LET'S GO.
HUH? YEAH.
MUMA HUNTING DOESN'T EVEN YIELD US A MEAL.

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YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND, SO I SENT HER OFF WITH ANOTHER BAKU
YOU DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT TRAINING SO YOU'RE ASSISTING ME.
TCH.
THIS IS THE SIXTH PERSON TONIGHT— SO THIS NICHOLAS GUY'S THE LAST ONE.
WHERE'S SELENE?
smirk
WATCH CLOSELY.

I'M NOT LETTING YOU ESCAPE!
YOU CAME AGAIN.
SO HE MADE THE SAME NIGHTMARE AGAIN.
<GUST>
<TURN>
YOU'RE DOING BETTER THAN YESTERDAY.

<SLAM>
DON'T MOCK ME!
<SWOOSH>

TELL ME! WHY ARE YOU ACTING AS A GROUP?!
WHY DO YOU KNOW ABOUT KISE-NOS...
<FWSH>
ARSENICA!

YOU WERE CARELESS, RUBIDUS.
YOU'RE...
GOOD EVENING .. RIN, I BELIEVE.
ONE OF THE ELITE THREE.
ARSENIC IS OUR NEW CHANCEL-LOR!
SO, HE'S...

I'LL COME BACK TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
YOUR SOUL...
I CAN'T GIVE YOU A THOROUGH INTRODUCTION TODAY. I'LL LEAVE BEFORE YOUR HELP ARRIVES.
smirk
LOOKS *DELICIOUS*.
shiver

<RUSTLE RUSTLE>

HOW MANY DID WE LOSE?
FIVE BAKU AND EIGHT YUMEBITO.
GOOD WORK TONIGHT.
SELENE! WHERE IS SHE?!
DON'T WORRY, SHE'LL CATCH UP SOON. SHE'S AN EXCELLENT YUMEBITO.
I SEE...
relieved
THIS IS JUST... THE BEGINNING.

THEIR AIM IS THE DESTRUCTION OF BAKU, AND THE SOULS OF THE ELITE THREE.
IF YOU EAT THE ELITE THREE'S SOULS YOU WILL GAIN UNIMAGINABLE POWERS... THOUGH NO ONE HAS TRIED IT BEFORE.
THE MUMA'S CHANCELLOR IS CERTAINLY PUSHING FOR IT.
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON

YES.
IT DIDN'T GO AS EXPECTED
WE'VE LOST QUITE A BIT OF OUR OWN.
IT'S GOING TO BE INTERESTING.

IT'S NOT JUST NICHOLAS, EVERYONE ELSE IS BETTER NOW.
IT MAKES ME WONDER IF THEY WERE INFESTED BY THE MUMA, TOO
bow
SO MUCH!
THANK YOU
No problem
OUR PLEASURE.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S WAKING UP.
YOU IDIDT! IT WAS REALLY HARD!
DANIEL ? WHAT'S WRONG?
NICHOLAS!
grab
YOU WERE POSSESSED BY A MUMA AND YOU WEREN'T YOURSELF! AND YOU WERE ABOUT TO GET YOUR SOUL EATEN!

SO I WAS IN YOUR DREAM?
creak...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT HORRIBLE DREAM WITH YOUR FATHER IN IT?!
Shake
Shake
HUH?
FATHER...!
NICHOLAS, THIS IS...?
AH... HE'S DANIEL FROM THE ORPHANAGE I GREW UP IN.
OH, HE'S THE DANIEL THAT GOT TOP MARKS IN THE LAST TEST.

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU PRESSURE HIM ABOUT HIS GRADES!
DANIEL!
HEY!
HE WAS DOING HIS BEST FOR YOU!
NO, I HAVE TO SAY THIS!
...I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS.
Nicho...tas?!
DANIEL, HOLD ON!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEAL IS ABOUT MAKING HIM A DOCTOR, BUT IF YOU STRESS HIM OUT, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
HE USED TO BE MORE ACTIVE! HE WASN'T THE TYPE TO STAY AT HIS DESK ALL DAY!
point

HUH?
You're saying I don't have manners?
YOU REMIND ME OF NICHOLAS WHEN I FIRST ADOPTED HIM.
HE HAD HORRIBLE MANNERS, BUT HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING.
MY STRICT FAMILY RAN A MEDICAL BUSINESS THAT WAS PASSED ALONG EACH GENERATION. AT A TIME WHEN MY WIFE WAS DEPRESSED BECAUSE SHE WAS UNABLE TO BEAR CHILDREN,
YOU BROUGHT US LIGHT.
...
I THOUGHT YOU'D GO BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF IF YOU WENT TO THIS SCHOOL.
BUT ONCE YOU STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THE WAYS OF THE UPPER CLASS,
YOU BLENDED IN WITH THEM

FATHER...
NICHOLAS, IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE NEVER MADE MYSELF CLEAR.
I DID ADOPT YOU TO TAKE OVER MY BUSINESS
BUT DID I EVER TELL YOU TO BE NUMBER ONE IN EVERY-THING? DID I FORCE YOU TO ACT LIKE THE PERFECT SON?
MR. ROBSON TOLD ME THAT.
I'M SORRY... I FORCED YOU INTO THIS.
YOU'RE A HARD-WORKING, KIND CHILD.
FATHER...
I'M NOT AGAINST BECOME A DOCTOR, I JUST...

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LOOK DOWN ON ME.
I WAS SCARED OF YOU LOSING FAITH IN ME.
...YES!
MOTHER WAS WORRIED WHEN SHE HEARD YOU FAINTED.
COME BACK TO SEE US SHE'LL BE HAPPY

AH! FAMILIES ARE A GOOD THING!
OH, WE'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD, BUT WE'RE LIKE A FAMILY, TOO.
LET'S STAY AS A FAMILY LONGER.
AWW, NEON! YOU SAY SUCH CUTE THINGS.
SIGH
SINCE YOU'RE KEEPING OUR MEMORIES, YOU KNOW WHAT WE WERE LIKE, RIGHT?
I WONDER IF WE HAD FAMILIES BEFORE WE BECAME YUMEBITO?
IDIOT, I SAID I CAN'T TELL YOU
DON'T WORRY, WHEN I DIE AND PASS MY POWERS ONTO EITHER ONE OF YOU GUYS, YOU'LL BOTH REGAIN YOUR MEMORIES

THIS WHOLE FAMILY THING MIGHT NOT LAST FOR LONG.
DANIEL AND NICHOLAS SAID THEY'D STOP BY NEXT TIME.
YES, COME! INTRODUCE US TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS NIGHT-MARES! I'M SO HUNGRY!
<DING DONG>
..WE'LL WORK HARDER, STARTING TOMORROW

THE EXAMS ARE OVER!!!
WE FINALLY GET A BREAK!
WANNA GO ON A TRIP?
OH, IT'S THE TOP TWO. DANNY, DO YOU FEEL CONFIDENT THIS TIME?
WHO KNOWS.
HOW RARE, YOU USUALLY STAY AT SCHOOL DURING BREAKS.
I'M GOING BACK WITH NICHOLAS THIS TIME.
WE'RE GOING TO SEE OUR FATHER.
HUH? "OUR" FATHER?
Huh??
WE'RE GOING BACK
TO THE PLACE WHERE WE WERE RAISED.

IS IT ALRIGHT? IT'S GOING TO SPREAD THROUGH THE WHOLE SCHOOL DURING THE BREAK.
IT'S FINE.

RIN! CAN WE STAY OVER?
IT'S ALMOST DAYBREAK, THOUGH.
YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF?
NOPE! BUT COME ON, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER! LET'S HAVE A LONG TALK!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO YOU ...
THINK ABOUT IT, RIN.
EXTRA:
THE LIFE OF BAKU_

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
IT'LL BE A RUCKUS...
WE NEED TO LET OUR YUME-BITO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ONE ANOTHER,
SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER AFTER INHERITING OUR POWERS.
YOU CALLED HIM OVER?!
THANKS!
.. I DON'T MIND YOU STAY-ING OVER.
IF HE COMES, IT'LL BE THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE THAT THE ELITE THREE ARE ALL TOGE-THER!
RIN, YOU'VE BEEN HELPED BY HIM TOO
DON'T BE TOO HARSH ABOUT HIS TARDINESS AND LAZI-NESS.
I'll scold him for you.
...

THANK YOU FOR HAVING US OVER.
AH, SURE.
AH... BUT I NEED TO GET SOME FOR MASTER RODEUS.
I'LL MAKE SOME FOR HER AND RIN. IS TEA ALRIGHT?
ARMEN, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA? OR COFFEE?
I'LL HELP!
DON'T WORRY, TAKE A SEAT
HEY, YOU.
DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF CARING FOR RODEUS LIKE THAT?
MASTER RODEUS!
IT'S NOT TIRING, IT'S MY JOB!
AREN'T YOU RIN'S ASSISTANT AS WELL?!

NEON, YOU STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT DOWN?
PSH, LIKE MEASUREMENTS FOR SLEEPING MEDICATION?
heh
WE BECAME YUMEBITO AT AROUND THE SAME TIME, RIGHT?
NOPE! I LIVE A RELAXING LIFE.
HE WON'T BE HAPPY TAKEN CARE BY ME, ANY-WAYS.
NO WAY...!
YES.
YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, NEON.
YOU'RE NOT JUST HIS ASSIS-TANT, YOU'RE GOING TO INHERIT HIS KNOWLEDGE AS A BAKU.

WAIL
It's fine! Selene's doing it!
WAIL
I MESSED UP HIS TRAINING.
chuckle
REALLY?
IT'S A WONDER IF HE'LL EVER MASTER MIXING SO MANY SLEEPING MEDICATIONS.
THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER THINGS I STILL HAVEN'T TAUGHT HIM...
JUST TAKE YOUR TIME.
THE END